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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
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AHVP Program Notice 2022-1

To: AHVP Administering Agencies (AAs)
From: Cecilia Woodworth, Assistant Director of State Programs
Subject: **AHVP FY22 Ceiling Rents**
Date: October 14, 2021
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We are happy to announce **AHVP FY22 ceiling rents effective for new lease ups on October 15, 2021 and for existing leases on December 1, 2021.** The FY22 ceiling rents are attached and will also be posted on the AHVP webpage at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/alternative-housing-voucher-program-ahvp>.

- **For new lease ups (including relocations and transfers), the FY22 ceiling rents are effective for any new leases beginning on or after 10/15/2021.**
- **For rent increases, the FY22 ceiling rents are effective for any rent increase beginning on or after 12/1/2021.** If the FY22 ceiling rent is lower than the requested rent increase, the approved rent increase cannot exceed the FY22 ceiling rent (and rent reasonableness, etc.; waivers may be requested as necessary), but the current contract rent does not need to be lowered.
- **For existing units with no status change (relocation, rent increase, etc.) and where the FY22 ceiling rent is lower than the current contract rent, the participant will be held harmless.** For these particular units, the FY22 ceiling rents do not need to be applied until there is a rent increase or similar change to the existing unit.
- **For all other situations, the FY22 ceiling rent is applied at the next recertification or interim reexamination that is effective on or after 12/1/2021.**
- For waivers and reasonable accommodations, the procedures remain the same and may still be requested as necessary. Revised waivers for most existing overages are not necessary. However, a new or revised waiver must be requested in the rare case that the FY22 ceiling rent now creates a new overage where none previously existed or where a lesser overage previously existed.

Please contact Stephanie Kan, AHVP & DMHRSP Coordinator, at Stephanie.Kan@mass.gov or 617-573-1222 with any questions or concerns.